

Brandon Board of Liquor Control Commissioners Meeting February 13, 2023

NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.

Board Members In Attendance: Seth Hopkins, Brian Coolidge, Tim Guiles, Tracy Wyman, Ralph Ethier

Others in Attendance: Cecil Reniche-Smith, Bernie Carr, Sue Gage

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:56PM by Seth Hopkins – Chair.

a. Agenda Adoption

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Tracy Wyman to approve the agenda as posted. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Seth Hopkins noted Elaine Smith has asked about modifications for the Board’s packet regarding licenses. Mr. Hopkins stated the new forms that come with the agenda appear to have information the Select Board has no discretion over. Ms. Smith has asked if this is required to be included in the packet as information like the business’ education is not provided by the State anymore and the Select Board is receiving things after they have gone through the State system. There is a statutory requirement for the Select Board to approve them but have no discretion over the application. Tim Guiles stated the Select Board should be the first line of defense. Sue Gage stated if there is a business that has been causing trouble they could deny it. Ms. Gage advised that the process through DLC now takes hours and they do provide information if there are any violations. Ms. Gage stated previously she would provide the establishments the forms to complete for approval that would then be forwarded to the State, however, now they go directly to the DLC site. Mr. Hopkins stated if there is a business that has been problematic, the Select Board could request they meet with the Board. It was the consensus of the Board that they do not need the full materials, but that they are retained by the Town Clerk if a review is needed. Mr. Guiles thought there needs to be a good faith effort in knowing whether there is any problem. Ms. Gage will continue to approve the special event applications.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Tracy Wyman to approve the consent agenda items a through f. **The motion passed unanimously.**

***a) Approve Minutes of Board of Liquor Control Commissioners Meeting
- Board of Liquor Control Commissioners Meeting – November 28, 2022***

b) Approve Liquor Licenses

- Second Class

. Union Street VT, Ltd.

. Wesco, Inc.

c. Approve Tobacco Licenses

. Union Street VT, Ltd.

. Wesco, Inc.

d. Approve Tobacco Substitute Endorsements

. Green Mountain Smoke Shop LLP

. Union Street Grocery

e. Review of Request to Cater Permit

. Common Ground Restaurant & Pub LLC – February 18, 2023

f. Review of Special Event Permit

. Red Clover Ale – February 4, 2023

. Red Clover Ale – February 10, 2023

3. Adjournment

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Tracy Wyman to adjourn the Board of Liquor Control Commissioners meeting at 9:05PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary